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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

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Statement of Reasons for Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

In the section entitled "Statements of Reasons For Indication of Allowable Subject Matter," the Office states, "however, there is no suggestion in the prior art considered to employ aluminum diethylphosphinate for any purpose in coating materials having a film-forming binder." Applicants assert that independent claim 16 independently patentable without reference to aluminum diethylphosphinate.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 03-2060 \$250.00 for the 5 additional dependent claims. The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, he/she is requested to contact the attorney for Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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